Increase in population and crime rate, near static number of jails and large number of undertrial prisoners are the main reasons of overcrowding in the jails.

Though most of the recommendations made by All India Jail Reforms Committee headed by Justice A.N. Mullah (Retd) in 1983 pertain to the State Governments, financial assistance has been released by Government of India from time to time for meeting its obligations arising out of the recommendations in the above report. Financial assistance has been provided for strengthening security arrangements, training of prison staff for making them adopt more humane approach towards prisoners, vocational training of prisoners, provision of medical and psychiatric services etc.

Overstaying by foreign Nationals

5715. SHRI MATANG SINH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foreign nationals who visited India with valid travel documents during each of the last three years and the current year so far, nationality-wise;

(b) the number of persons out of them who have returned and the number of persons who are overstaying at present, nationality-wise;

(c) the action taken against the persons overstaying; and

(d) the steps taken to check such cases and deport them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) A statement is attached as Annexure [*See* Appendix 170, Annexure No. 115].

(b) and (c) As most of the foreigners enter into India on the basis of multiple entry visas and they can enter and leave India as many times as they desire during the validity of their visas, it is not possible to give data regarding foreigners who have returned to their countries out of those who entered India in a particular year.

(d) Instructions have been issued to all the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to detect and deport foreigners who are overstaying in India without valid travel documents.

Dual citizenship for NRIs

5716. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) why the Government of India is opposed to Dual Citizenship for N. R. Is, ; and

(b) which countries grant dual citizenship to persons belonging to those countries but residing abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Government of India is opposed to dual citizenship as the Constitution of India and the Citizenship Act, 1955 does not recognise the concept of dual citizenship.

(b) List of countries permitting Dual Citizenship.

1. Angola
2. Argentina
3. Bangladesh
4. Belgium
5. Cuba
6. Canada
7. Cyprus
8. Colombia
9. Cambodia